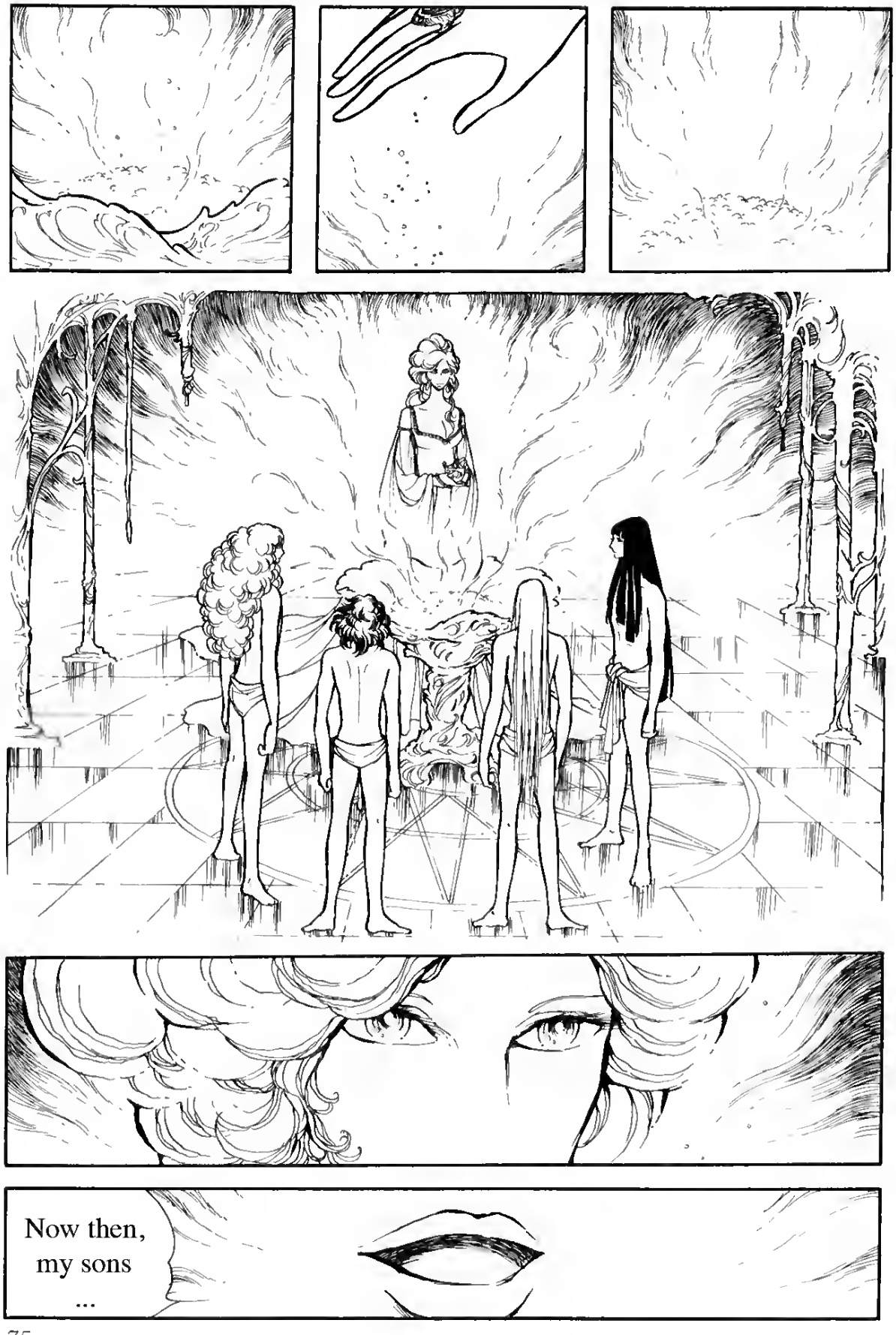
Now then,
my sons
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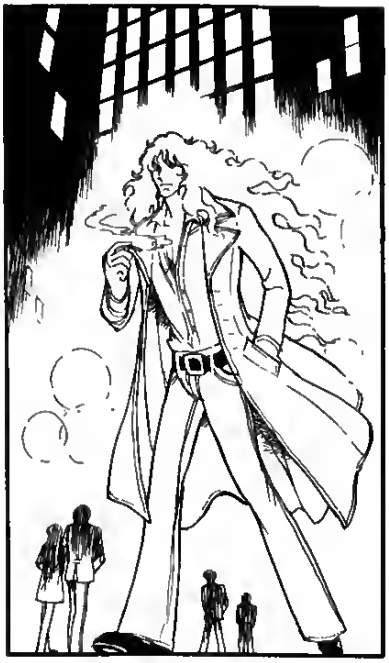
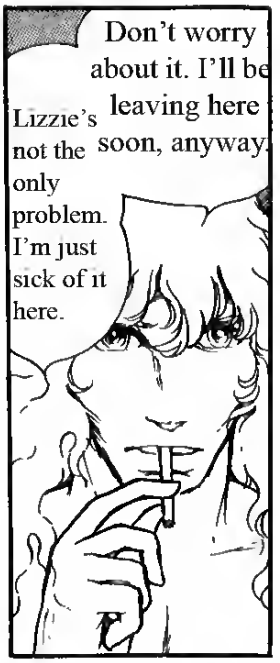
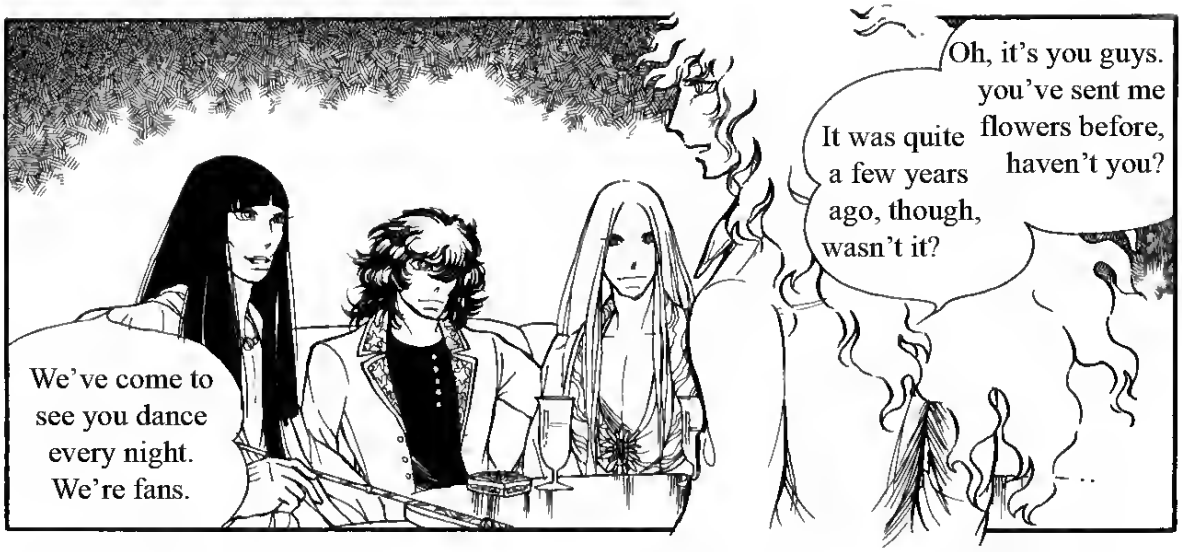


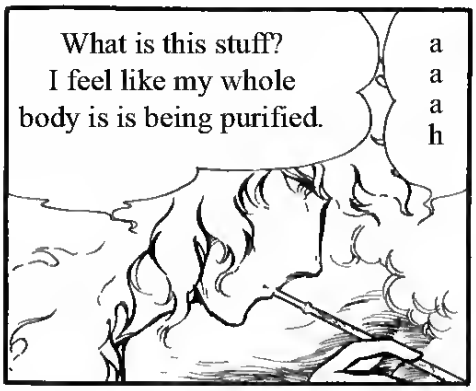

Don't worry about it. I'll be leaving here soon, anyway. Lizzie's not the only problem. I'm just sick of it here.

I'm sick of this place!
Things have gotten too complicated for you? Leave Lizzie to me, I'll deal with her.

Hey!
Hey, Herzog!
Don't drag my health into this! Don't you know it's great just to be alive?
It's always the same with you! This is bad for your health, you know?
Gimme the strongest thing you've got.
Yeah!
This place gets me going way more than being on stage!

What kind of idiot would send me flowers? Hahaha!
Herz, there's a gift for you here.
Check it out!
White roses... what an incredible fragrance...
It's almost like pure, spring water straight from a valley...


We've come to see you dance every night. We're fans.
Oh, it's you guys. you've sent me flowers before, haven't you?
It was quite a few years ago, though, wasn't it?


What is this stuff? I feel like my whole body is is being purified.
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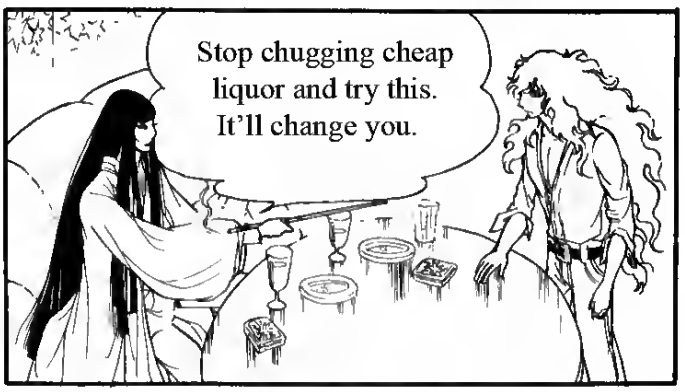
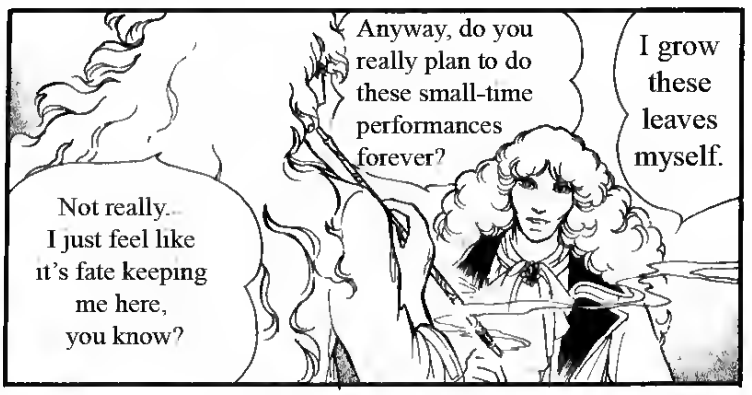
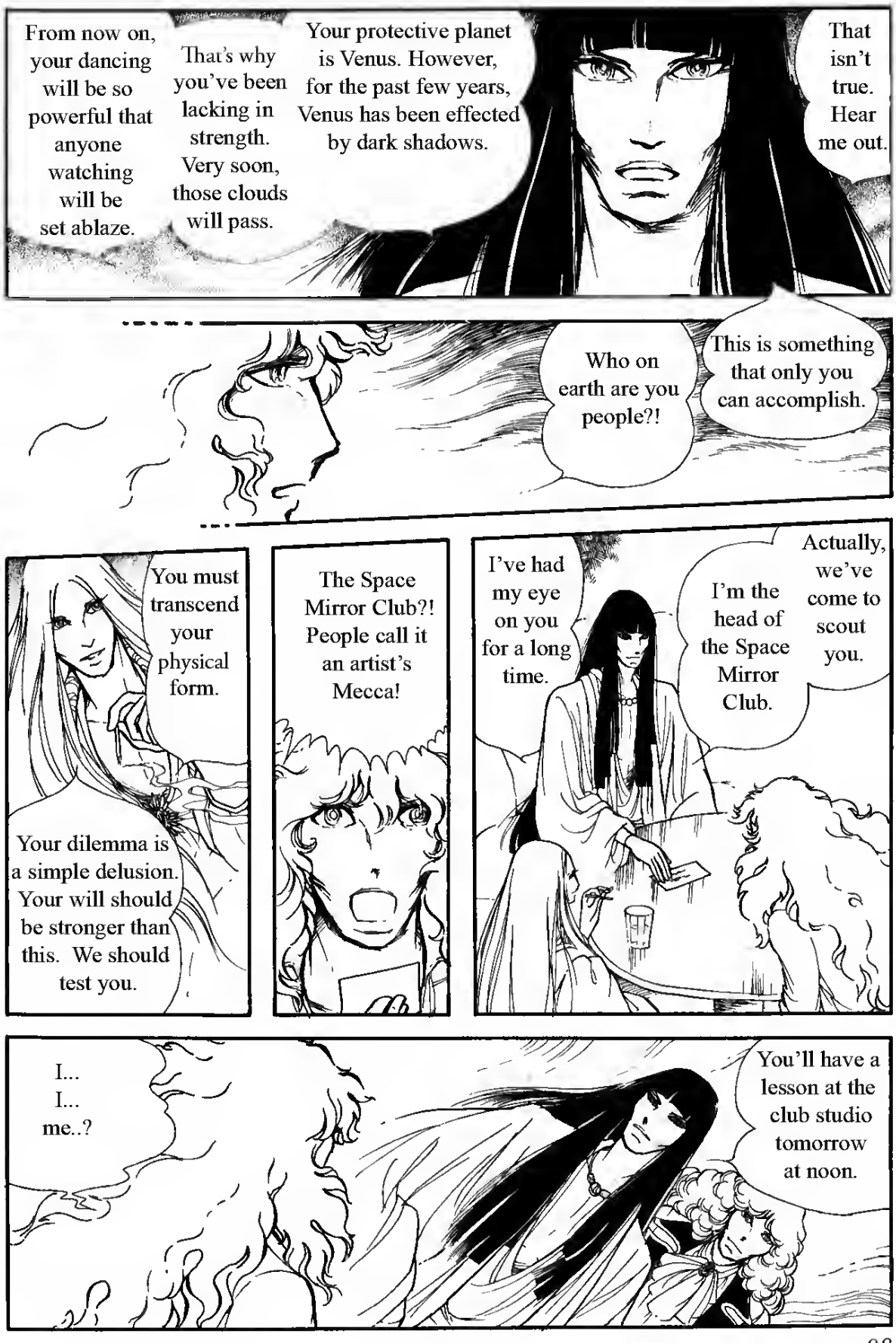

Stop chugging cheap liquor and try this. It'll change you.

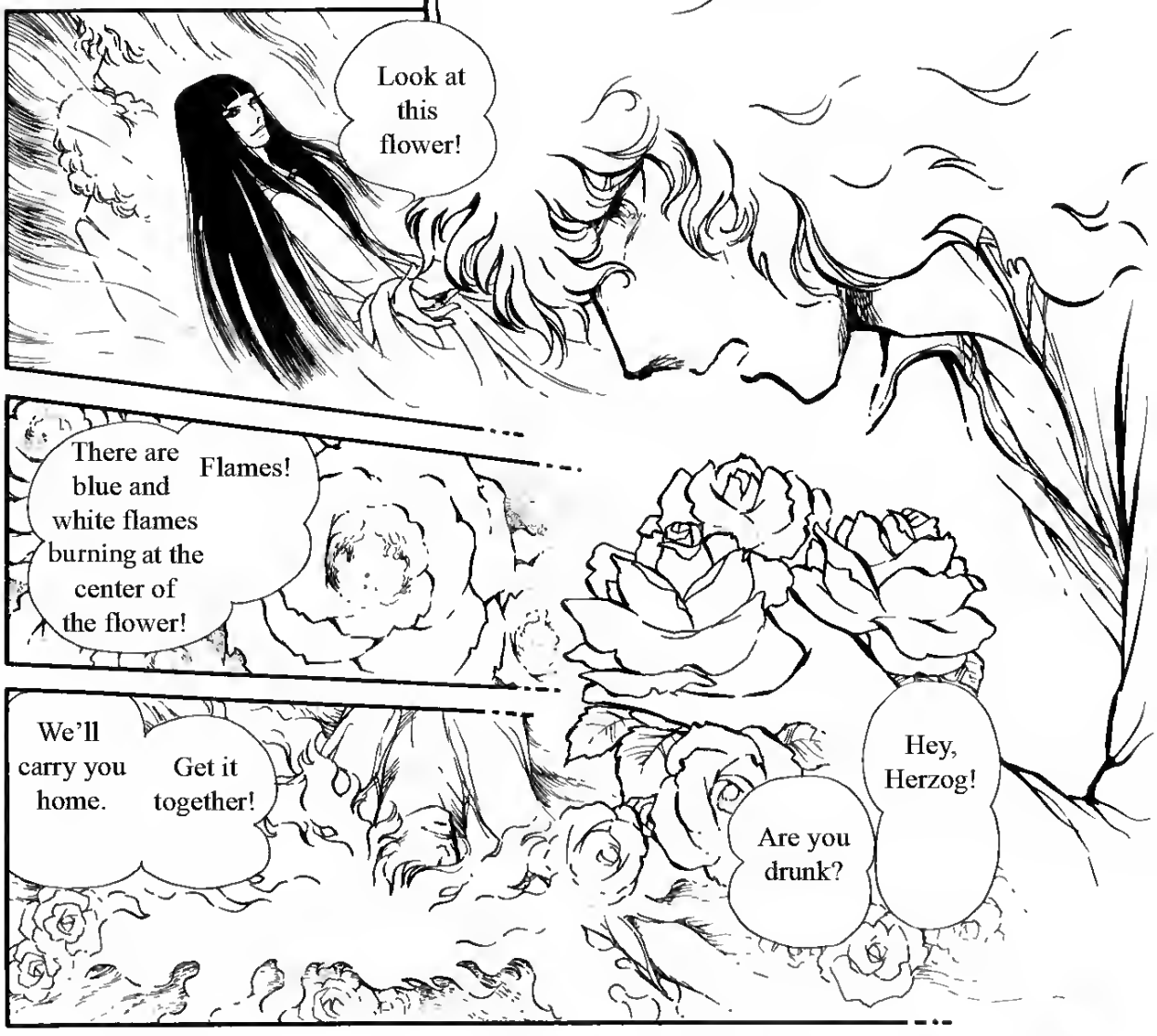
You haven't even released 1/10th of your power yet.
That's because you don't truly know yourself yet

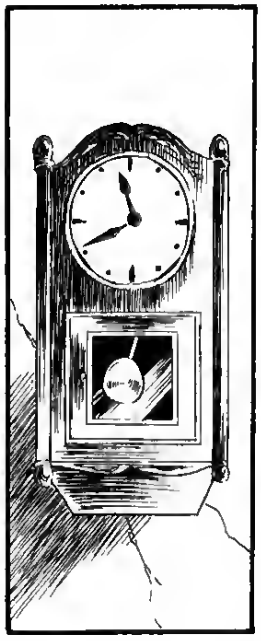

Not really... I just feel like it's fate keeping me here, you know?
Anyway, do you really plan to do these small-time performances forever?
I grow these leaves myself.

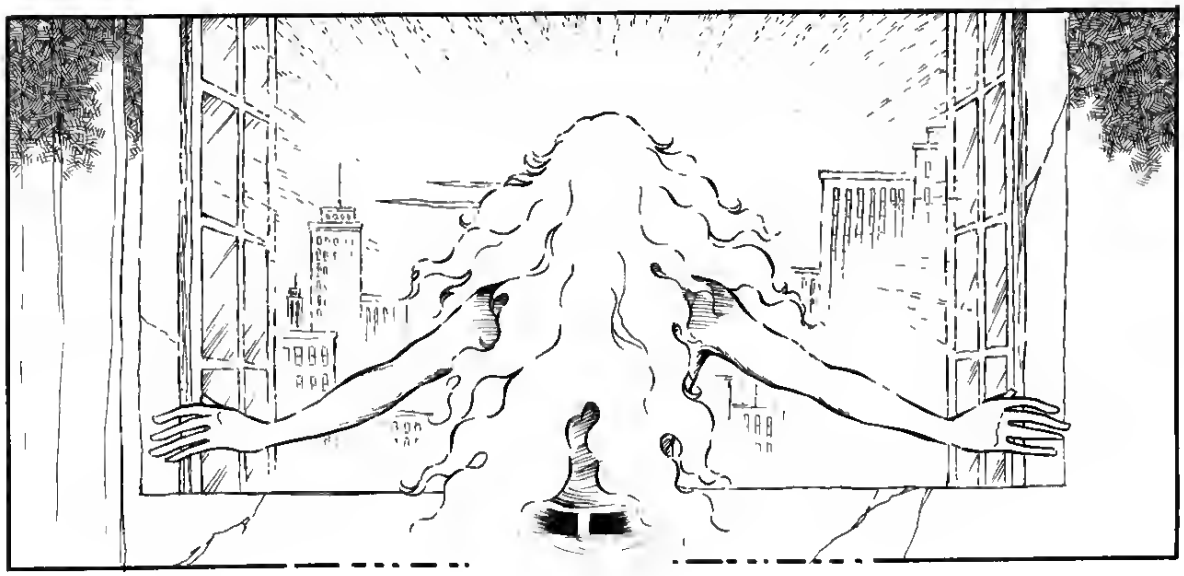
I just never had enough power ...
That's something I've always wanted to dance!
Why would you ...
The Fire--bird ?!

I want you to dance *The Firebird*.
I want you to dance for me.


From now on, your dancing will be so powerful that anyone watching will be set ablaze.
That's why you've been lacking in strength. Very soon, those clouds will pass.
Your protective planet is Venus. However, for the past few years, Venus has been effected by dark shadows.
That isn't true. Hear me out.
Who on earth are you people?!
This is something that only you can accomplish.
You must transcend your physical form.
Your dilemma is a simple delusion. Your will should be stronger than this. We should test you.
The Space Mirror Club?! People call it an artist's Mecca!
I've had my eye on you for a long time.
I'm the head of the Space Mirror Club.
Actually, we've come to scout you.
I... I... me..?
You'll have a lesson at the club studio tomorrow at noon.


Look at this flower!
There are blue and white flames burning at the center of the flower!
Flames!
We'll carry you home.
Get it together!
Are you drunk?
Hey, Herzog!



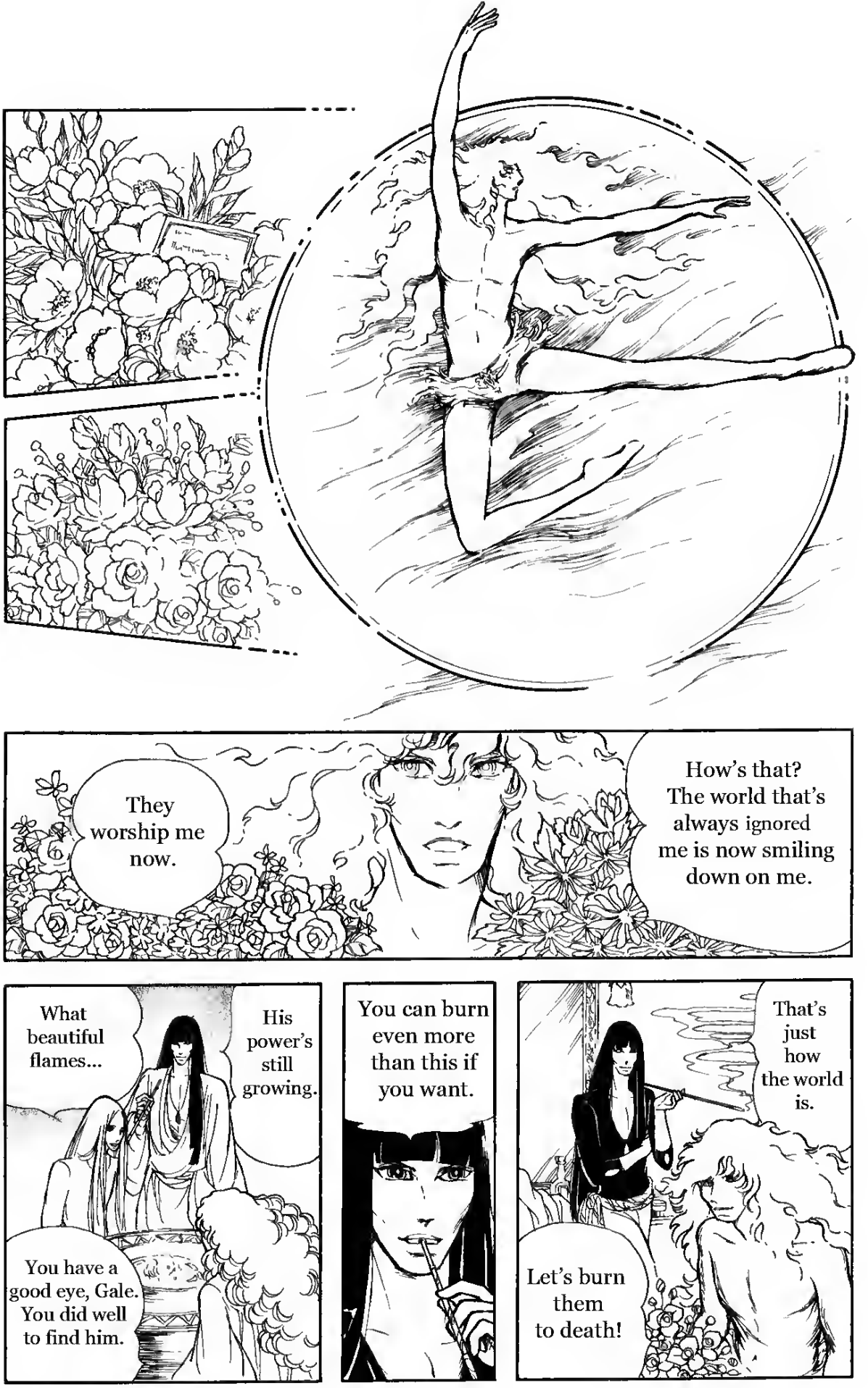


You are a burning flame!
Burn! Burn!
You yearn to feel the world and that desire scorches you.
Burn your pride!

Tonight, a legend of flames will be born!
The man who opens this door will take you to a world beyond your wildest dreams!
Good evening, ladies and gentlemen! Welcome to the Space Mirror Club!
Presenting Herzog Matthaus' *Firebird*!

Ballade,
Ray,
Justin,
Gale,
This ceremony only comes once every four years. Its success is of the utmost importance.
Go forth! I pray for your success.
Our success is certain.
The sacrifice we have chosen will undoubtedly be to your liking.
Our magical powers are at their strongest now.
I intend to finish preparations before the Winter solstice.
The harvest moon has passed. A silver moon now lights the sky.
We must be on our way.
Now then, mother ...

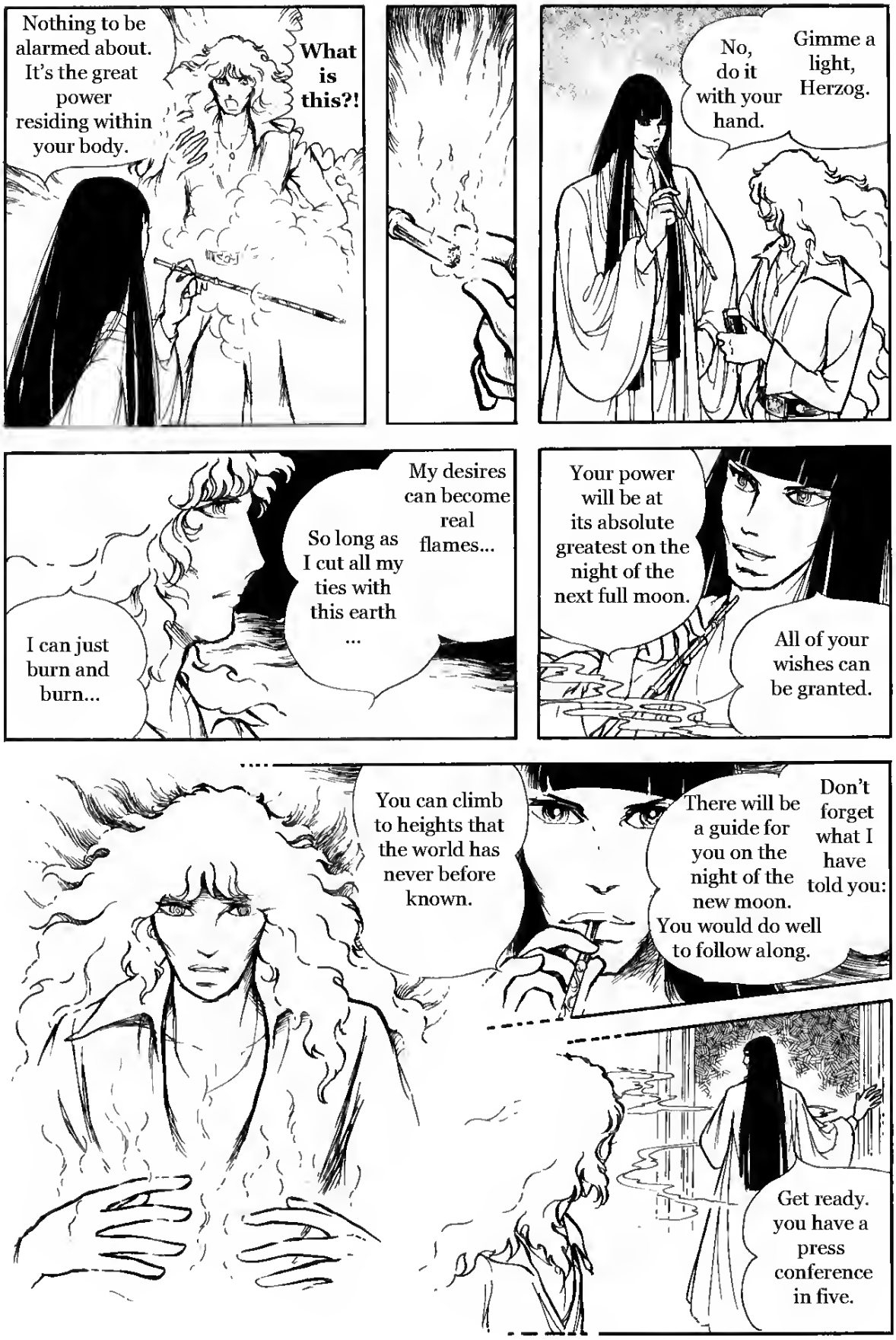
What on earth is he?
Bravo, Matthaus!
Incredible!
Wow!
This was a sensational debut! I pray for your success.
His power has grown by leaps and bounds
Look! What incredibly strong flames!
Confidence is an incredible thing. He's a very promising man

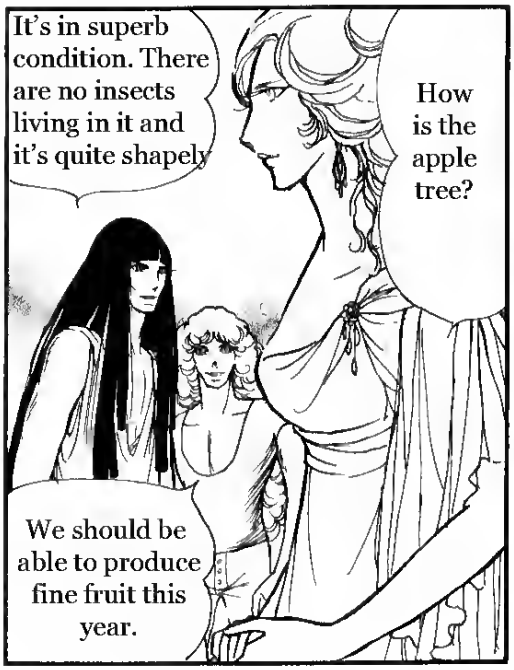

They worship me now.
How's that? The world that's always ignored me is now smiling down on me.
What beautiful flames...
His power's still growing.
You have a good eye, Gale. You did well to find him.
You can burn even more than this if you want.
That's just how the world is.
Let's burn them to death!

When he danced with a certain lady, her dress became engulfed in flames...

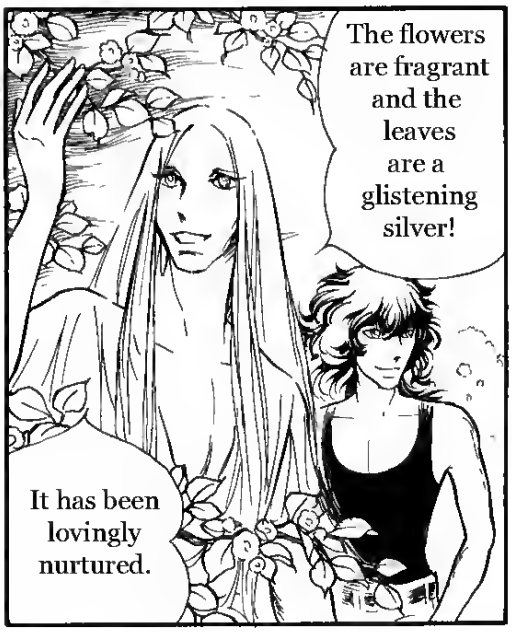
...There were always sparks of fire where he walked...

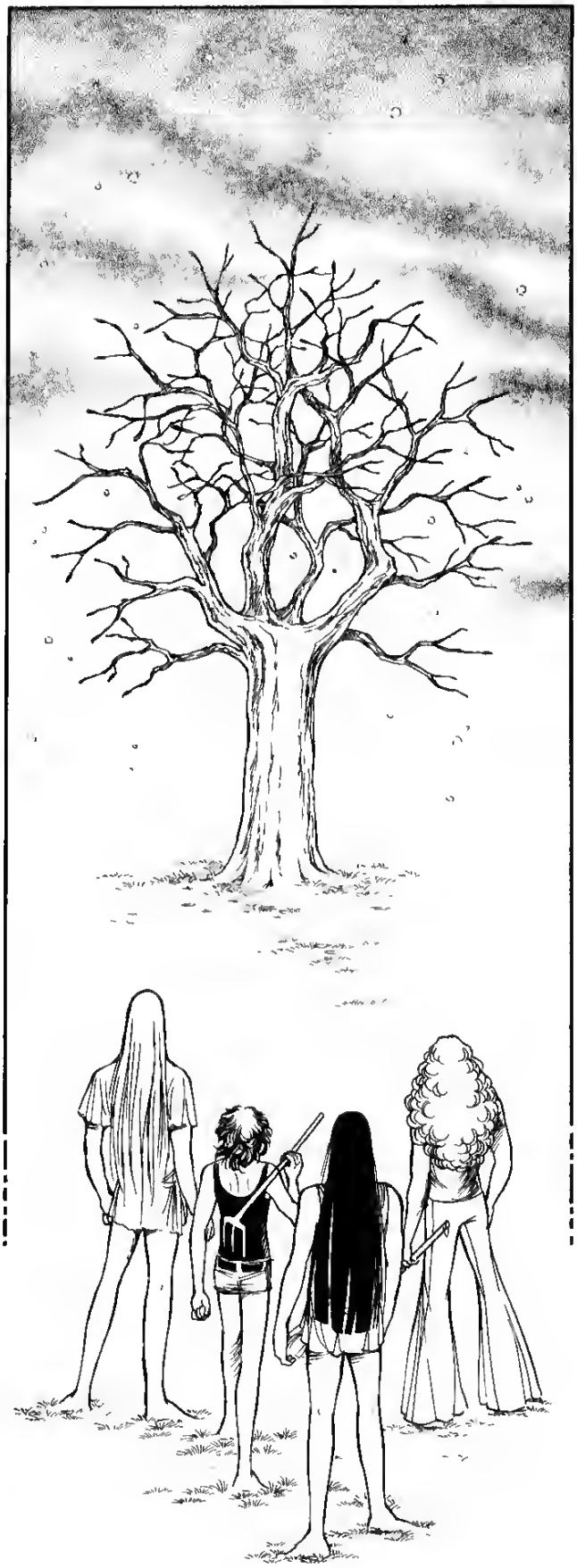
...Those who were fascinated by the bizarre came to see the man behind these strange rumors...

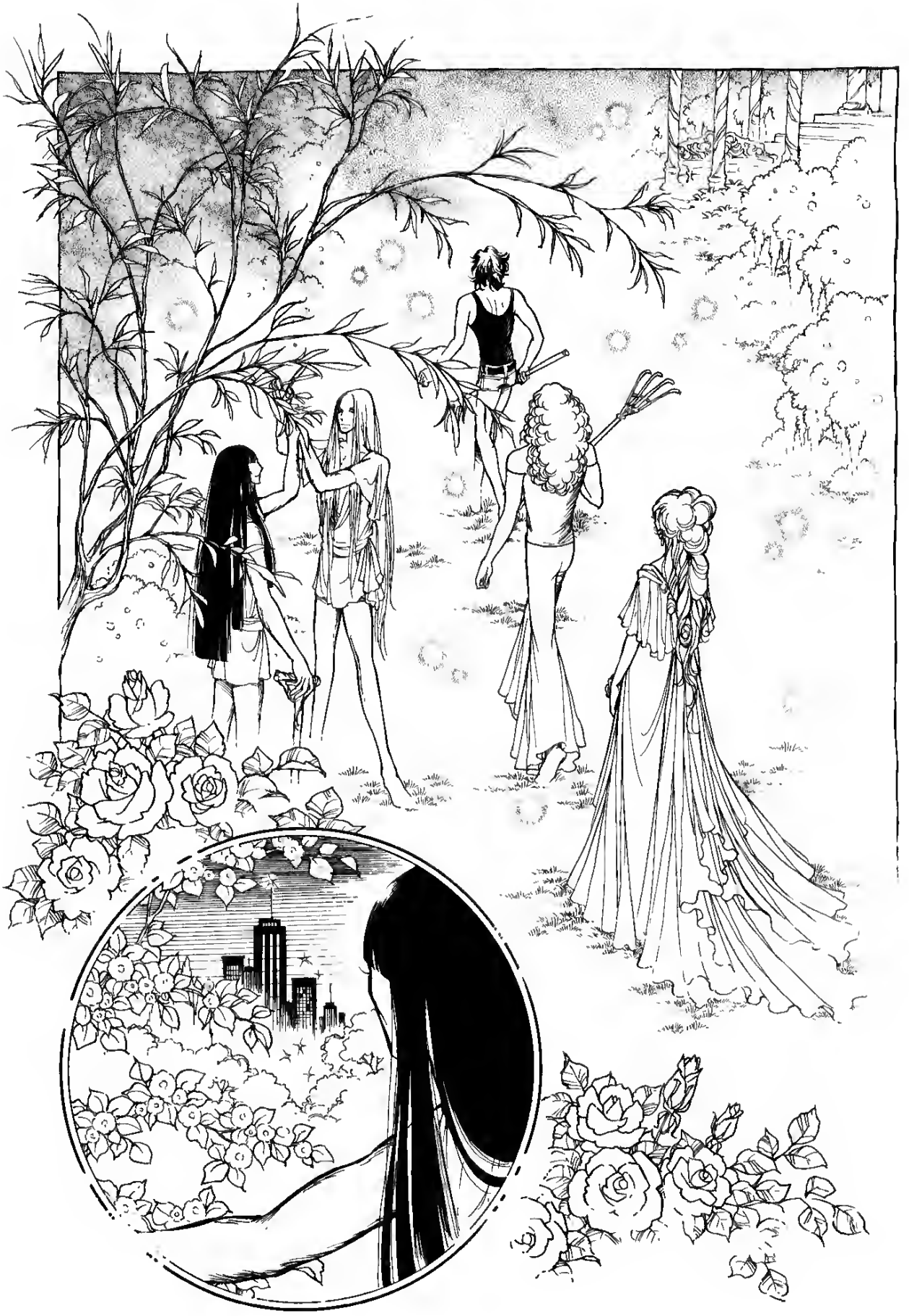

Nothing to be alarmed about. It's the great power residing within your body.
What is this?!
No, do it with your hand.
Gimme a light, Herzog.
I can just burn and burn...
So long as I cut all my ties with this earth ...
My desires can become real flames...
Your power will be at its absolute greatest on the night of the next full moon.
All of your wishes can be granted.
You can climb to heights that the world has never before known.
There will be a guide for you on the night of the new moon. You would do well to follow along.
Don't forget what I have told you:
Get ready. you have a press conference in five.

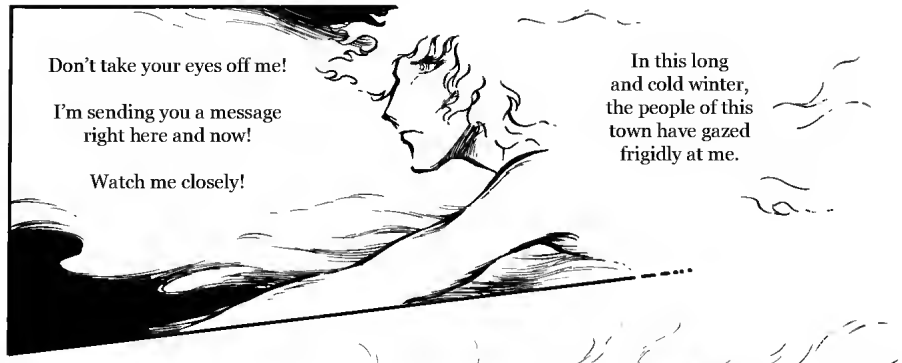

It's in superb condition. There are no insects living in it and it's quite shapely
How is the apple tree?
We should be able to produce fine fruit this year.

You must tend to this tree well.
It is the great stage for our ceremony.

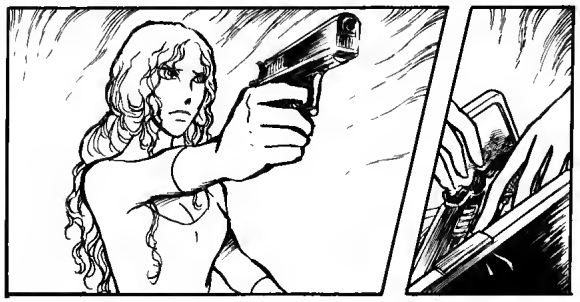

The flowers are fragrant and the leaves are a glistening silver!
It has been lovingly nurtured.

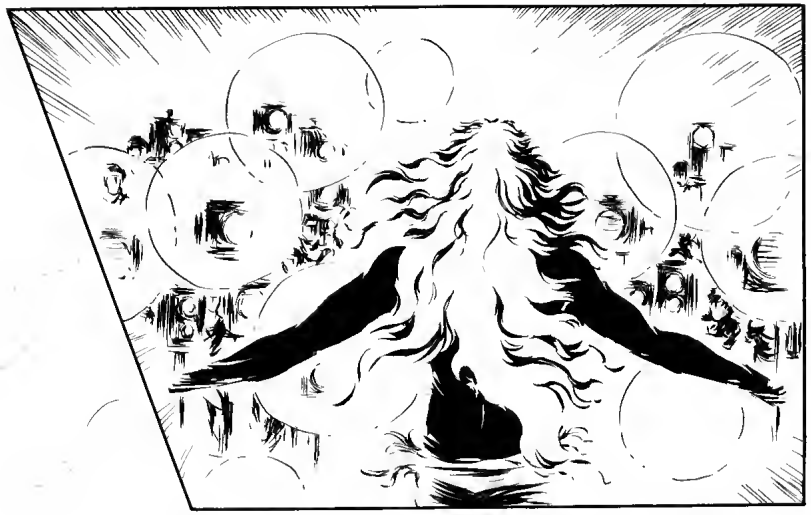


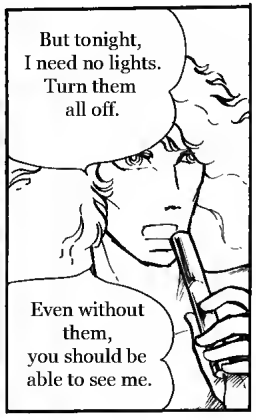


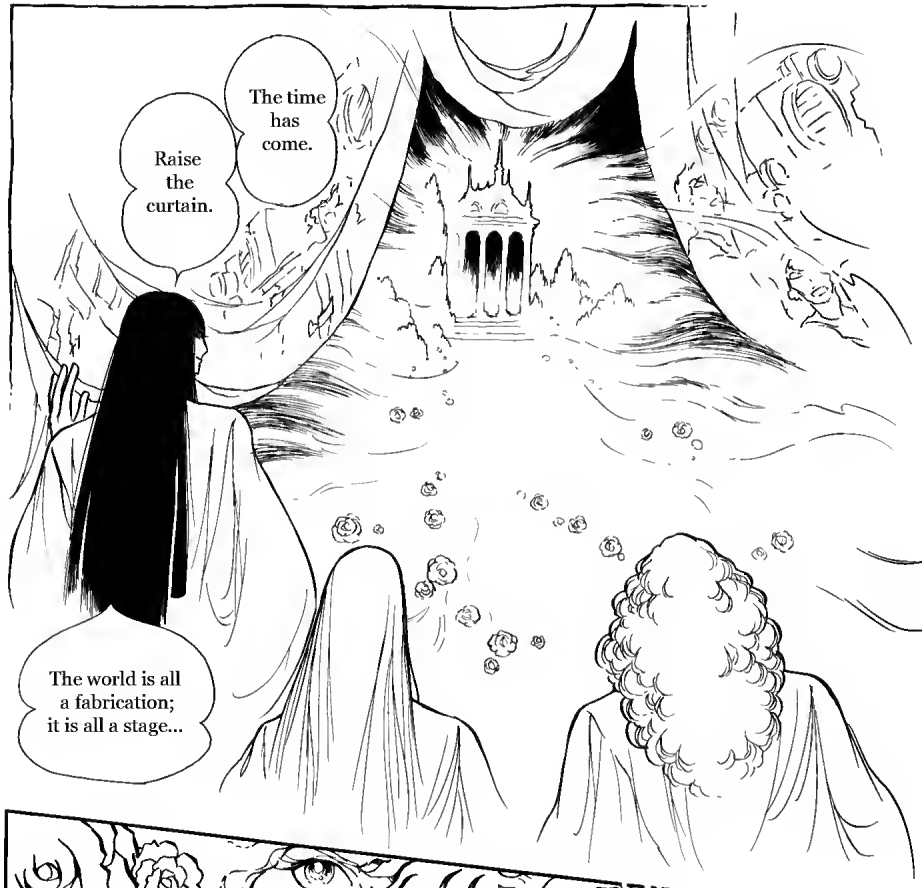


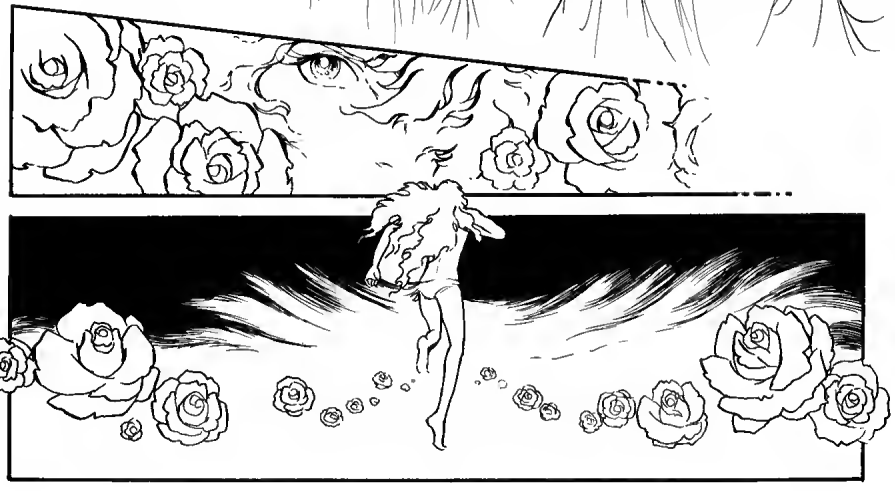
In this long and cold winter, the people of this town have gazed frigidly at me.

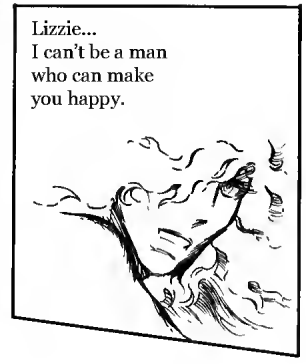


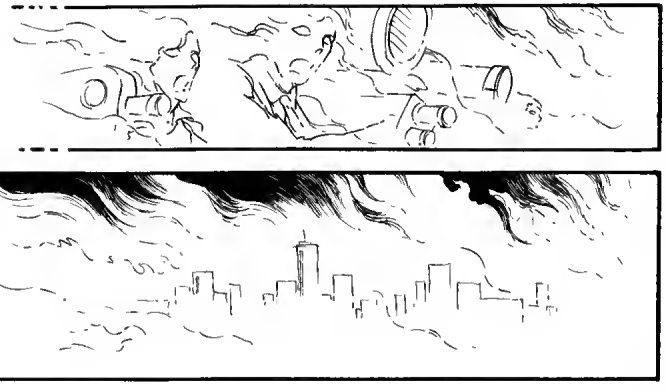


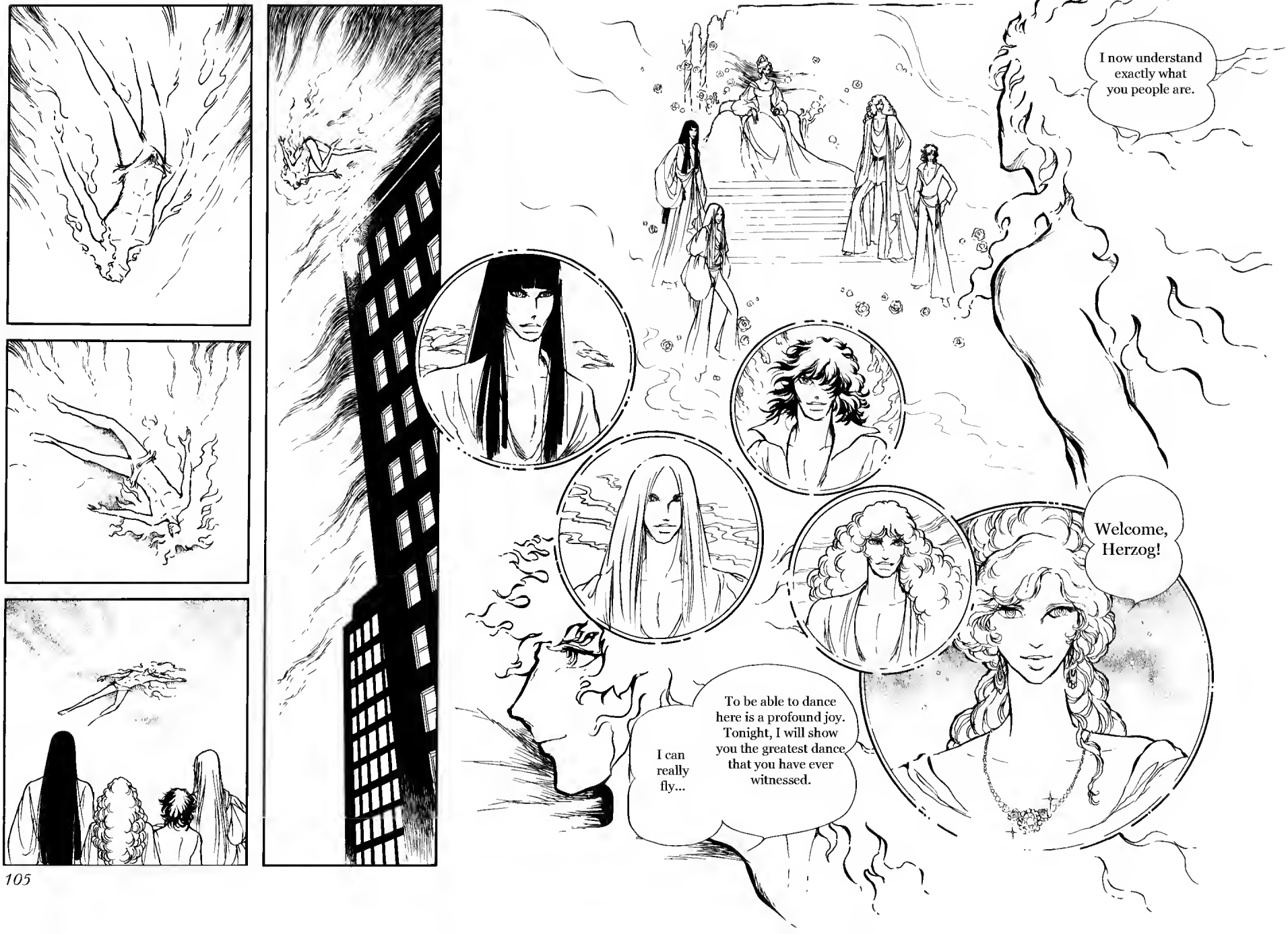


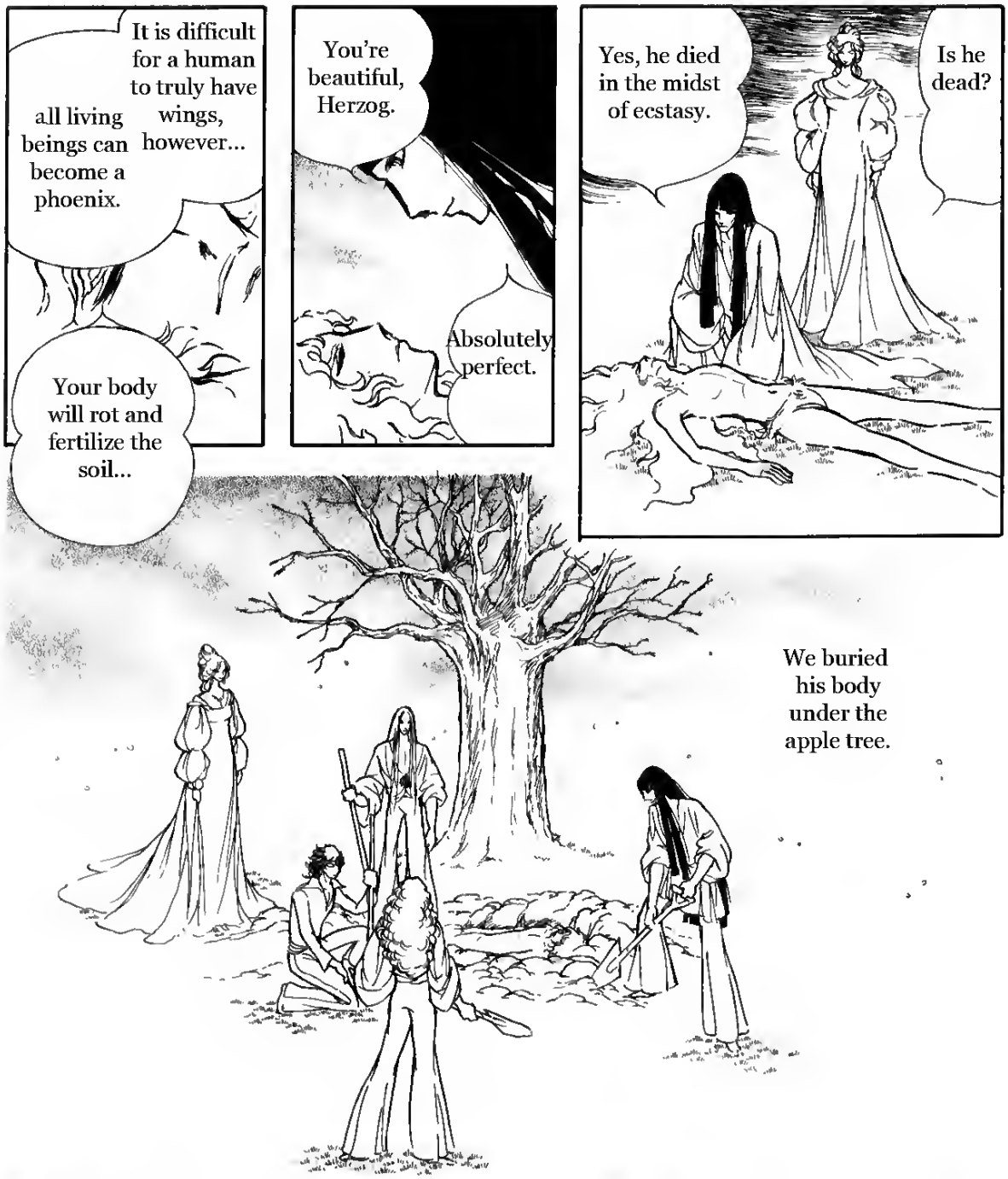

Raise the curtain.
The time has come.
The world is all a fabrication; it is all a stage...

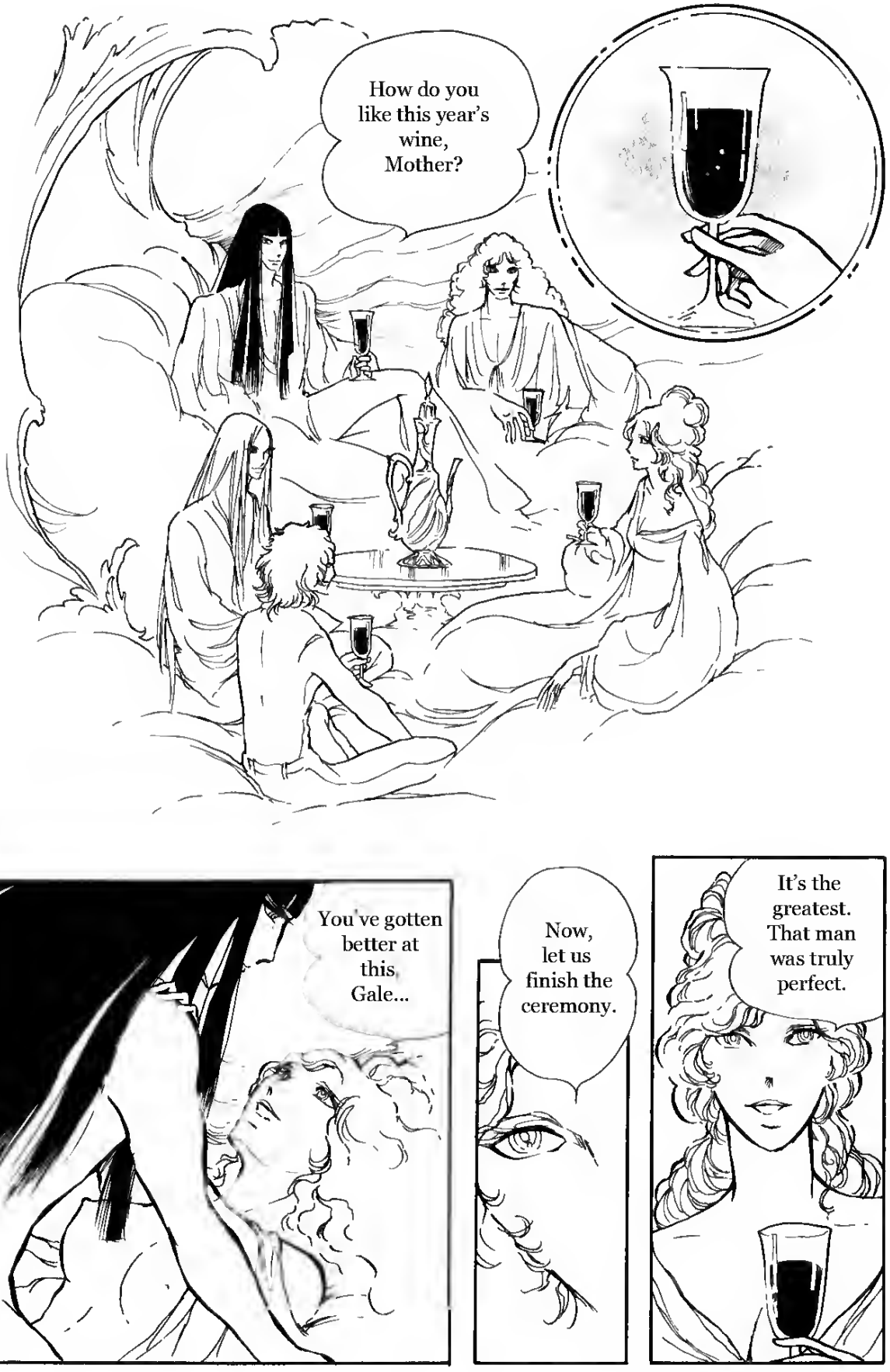


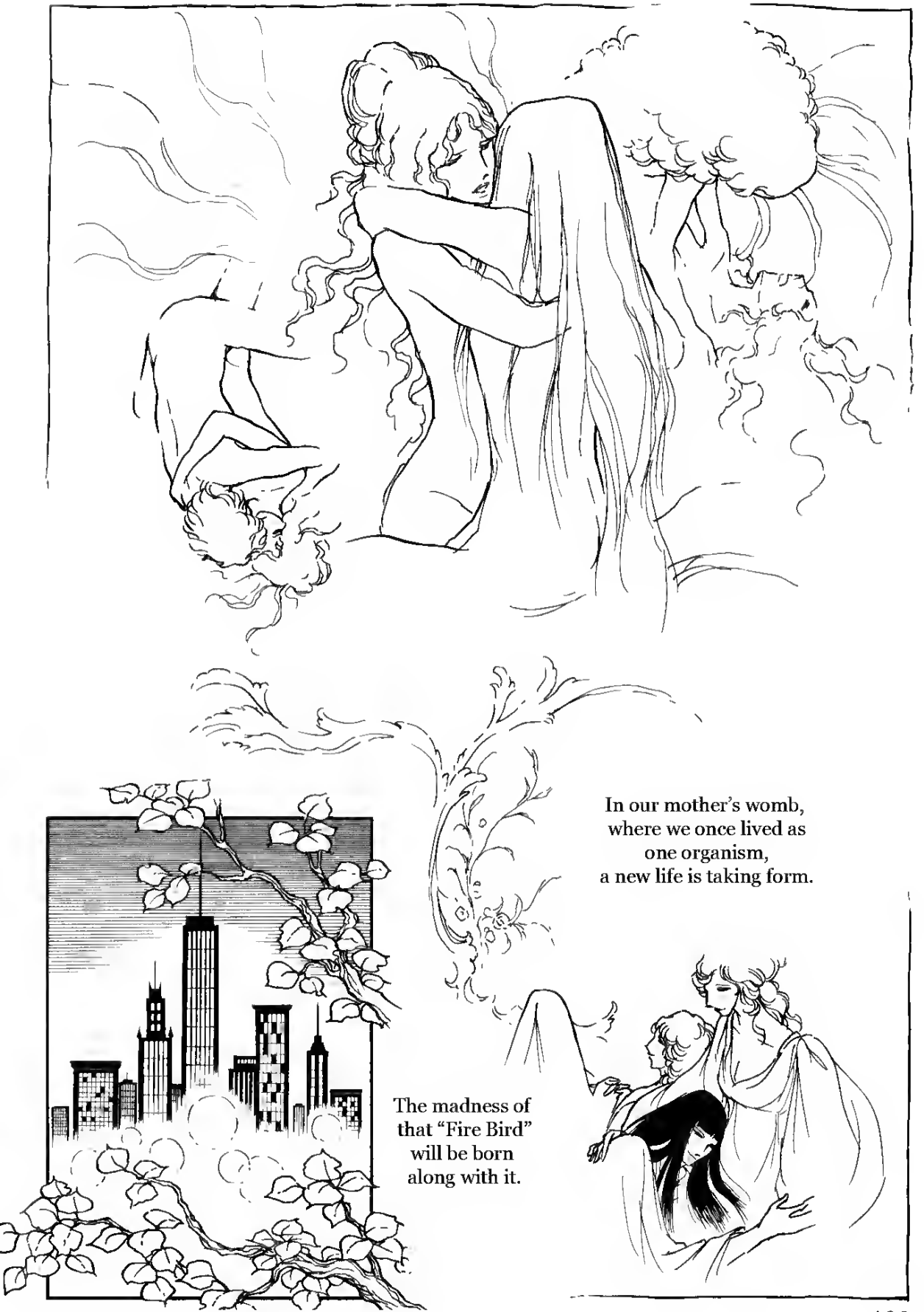

Lizzie...
I can't be a man who can make you happy.



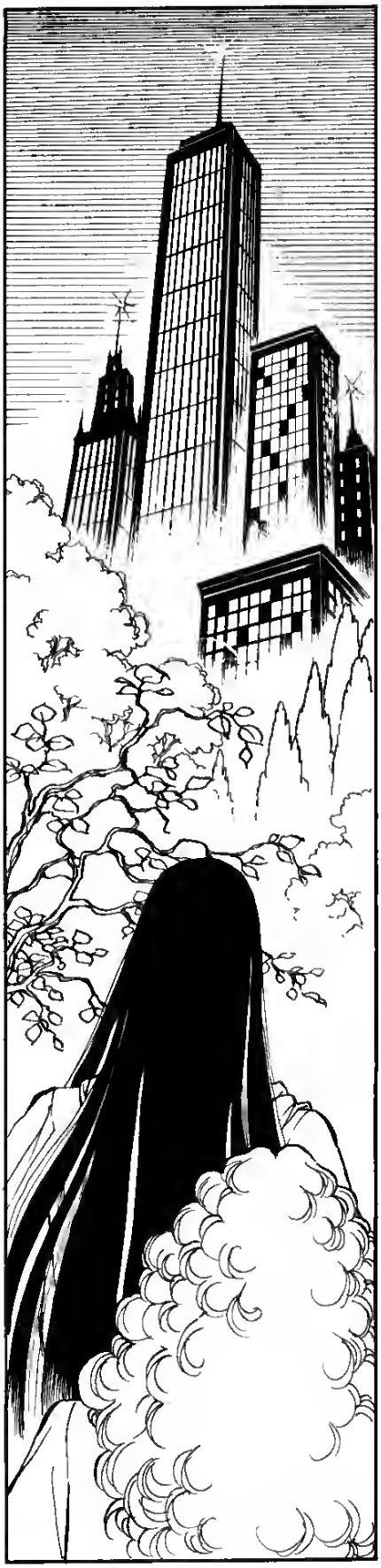

I now understand exactly what you people are.
Welcome, Herzog!
To be able to dance here is a profound joy. Tonight, I will show you the greatest dance that you have ever witnessed.
I can really fly...

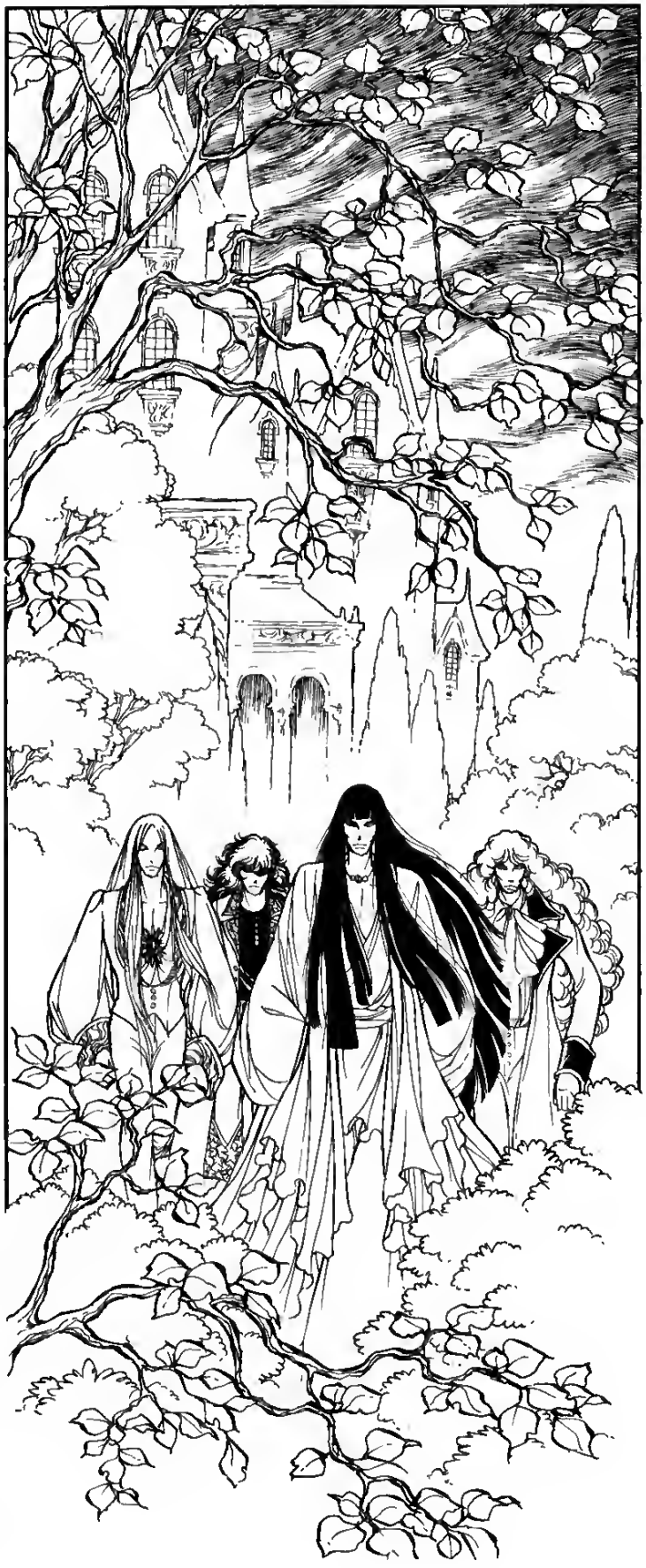

It is difficult for a human to truly have wings, however...
all living beings can become a phoenix.
Your body will rot and fertilize the soil...
You're beautiful, Herzog.
Absolutely perfect.
Yes, he died in the midst of ecstasy.
Is he dead?
We buried his body under the apple tree.
We will make wine out of that fruit.
After ten months and ten days, the branches will be filled with golden fruit.


How do you like this year's wine, Mother?
You've gotten better at this, Gale...
Now, let us finish the ceremony.
It's the greatest. That man was truly perfect.


In our mother's womb,
where we once lived as
one organism,
a new life is taking form.
The madness of
that "Fire Bird"
will be born
along with it.

The End





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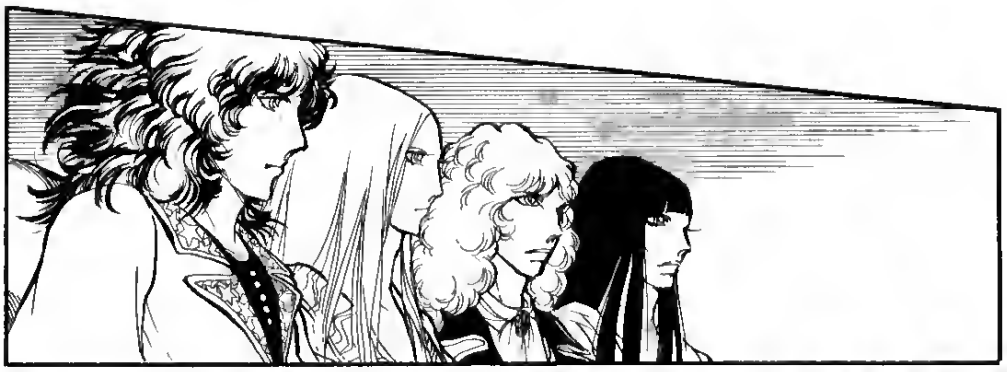
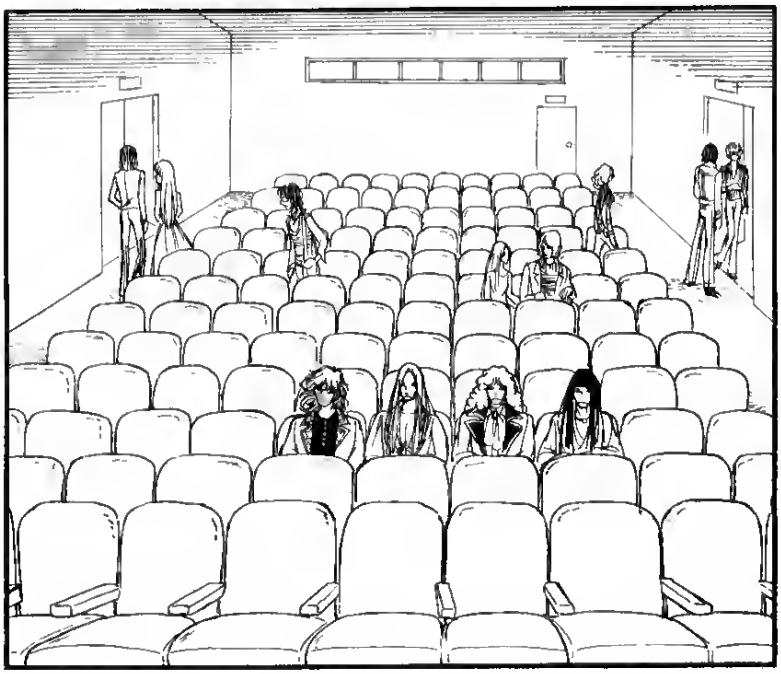
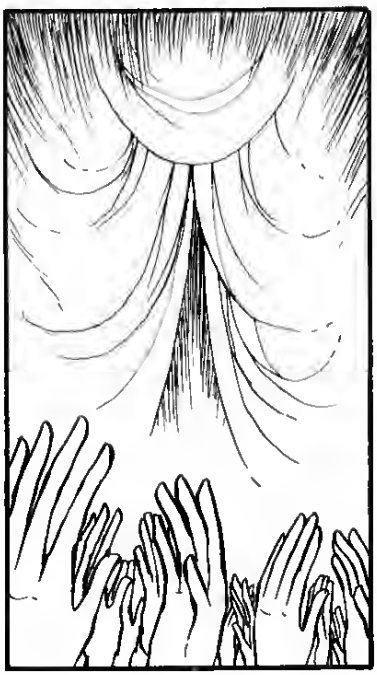
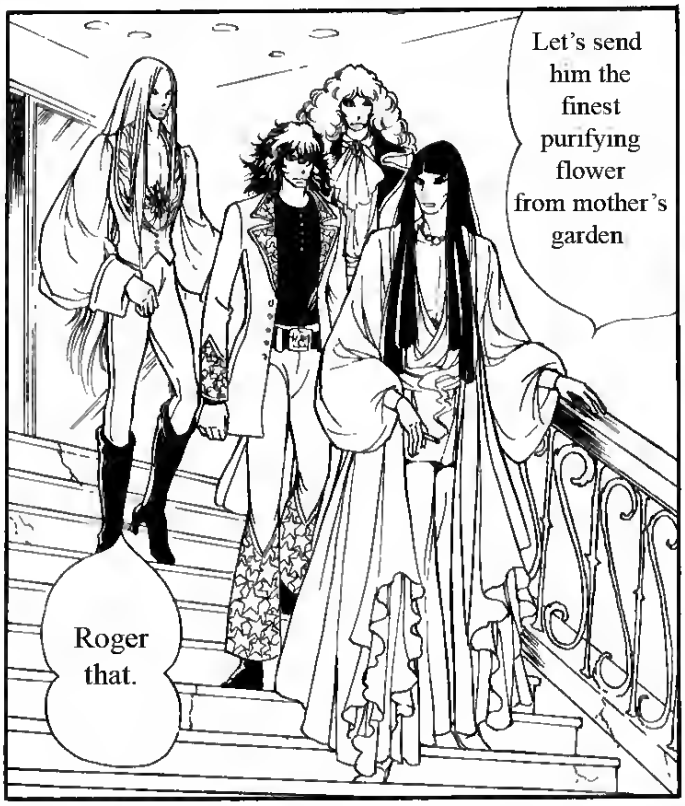
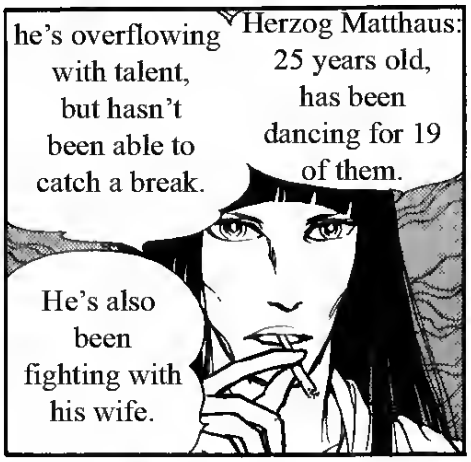


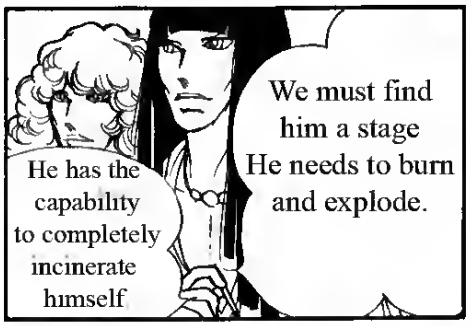


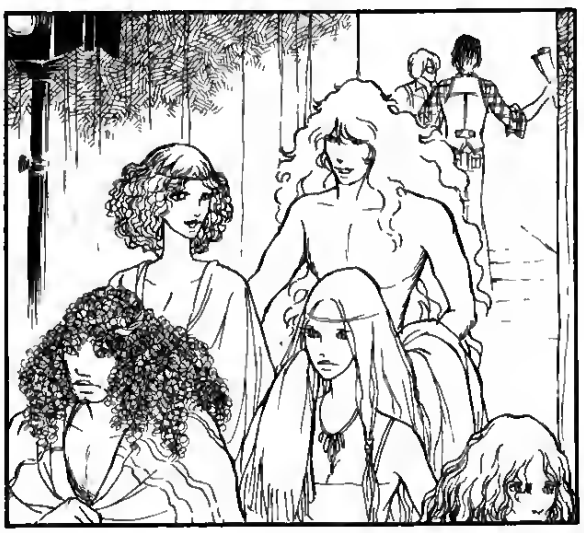


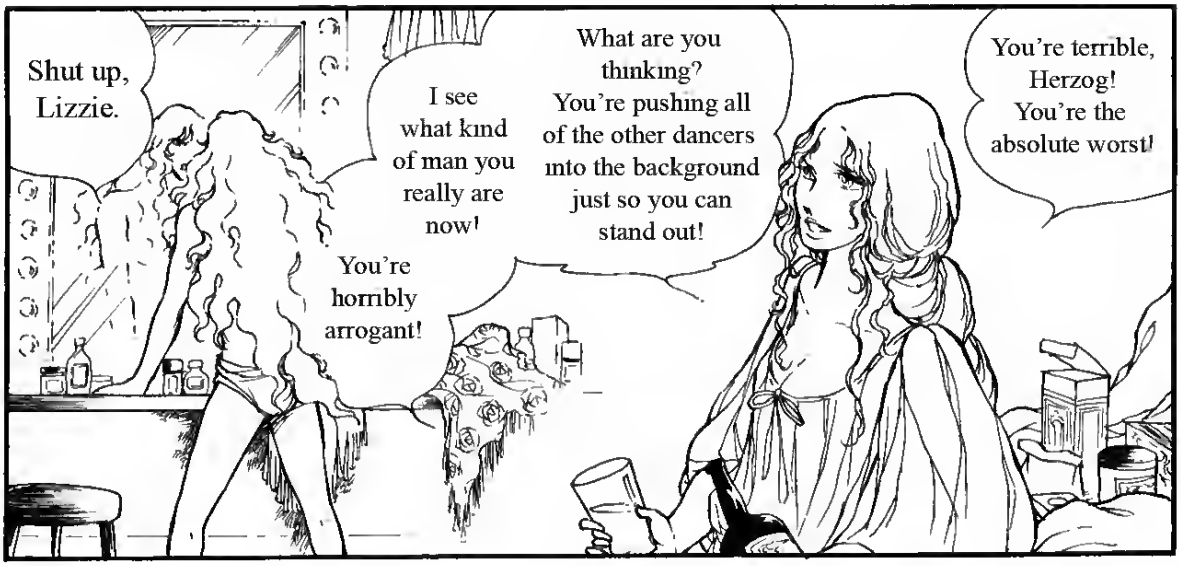
He's prideful and he craves fame.
Quite the narcissist.
He has good looks and good potential.
Not bad.
So what do you think of that man?

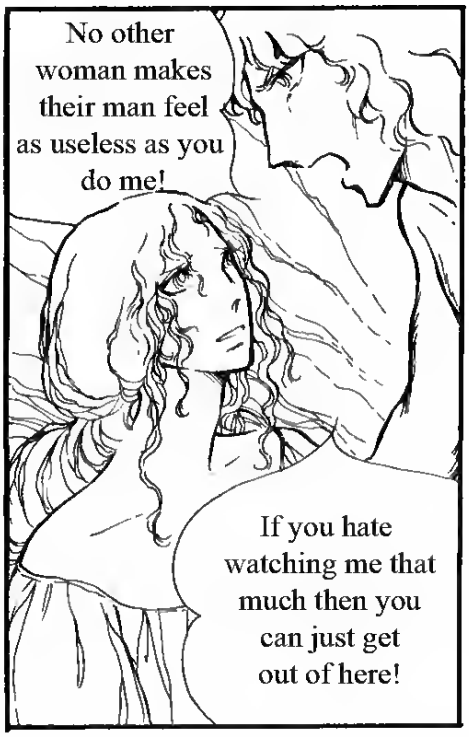

Let's send him the finest purifying flower from mother's garden
Roger that.

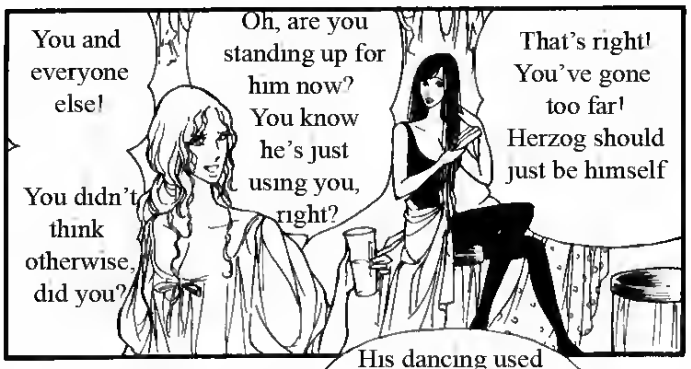

he's overflowing with talent, but hasn't been able to catch a break.
Herzog Matthaus: 25 years old, has been dancing for 19 of them.
He's also been fighting with his wife.


He has the capability to completely incinerate himself
We must find him a stage He needs to burn and explode.

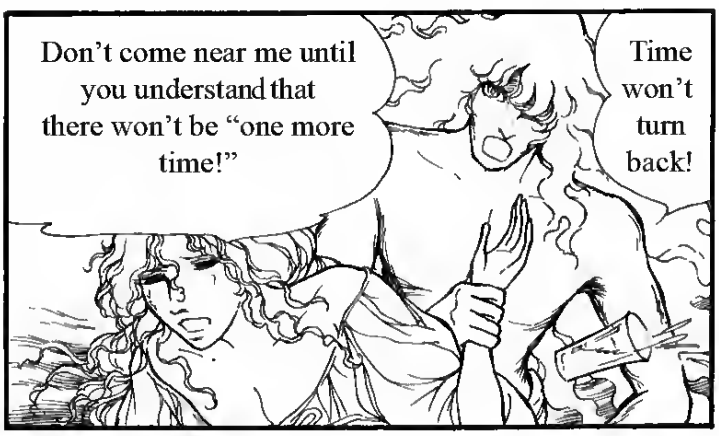



Shut up, Lizzie.
I see what kind of man you really are now!
You're horribly arrogant!
What are you thinking? You're pushing all of the other dancers into the background just so you can stand out!
You're terrible, Herzog! You're the absolute worst!


No other woman makes their man feel as useless as you do me!
If you hate watching me that much then you can just get out of here!


You and everyone else!
You didn't think otherwise, did you?
Oh, are you standing up for him now? You know he's just using you, right?
That's right! You've gone too far! Herzog should just be himself

His dancing used to be so delicate. he was like a leaf, blowing in the wind
He used to be so innocent.
Now he dances like a fat cow!


Don't come near me until you understand that there won't be "one more time!"
Time won't turn back!

I won't leave you, Herzog! I want to see the old you one more time!

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